

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Chas Hunter, Steve LaDuke, Chief of Police Merl Harl, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, Fire Chief Ron Toran, Deputy City Clerk Vicki Glotzbach, Street Department Director Jodie Johnson, Controller Kay Garry, Sewer Billing Director Kelly Welsh.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 – Rebecca Didelot, Floyd Memorial, re: Harvest House run/walk on Saturday, October 7, 2006.

Ms. Didelot requested street closings and the amphitheater for their annual run/walk. She also provided a map of the route that has been approved in previous years.

Mr. LaDuke motioned to approve, **Mr. Hunter** second, all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 – Officer Lewis re: traffic signal at Spring and E. Fourth streets to slow traffic for Fire Department.

Deputy Stan Mason reported that he was advised to have a plan from an engineering company put in place so that all bids are equal and everyone knows what they are bidding on.

Mr. Toran asked that it be taken off the agenda until they come back to the board with bids.

Item #2 – Officer Lewis re: street sweeping signs.

Officer Lewis stated that there are some signs that need to be updated and would coordinate with Mr. Johnson.

Item #3 – Officer Lewis re: need for light in alley of firehouse.

Officer Lewis stated that he received a complaint because it is so dark in that area and feels if they could get one light installed in the alley; it would make it much safer.

Mr. LaDuke asked if there was any lighting on the building.

Officer Lewis replied that there is no exterior lighting.

Chief Harl commented that they are looking at installing a surveillance camera in the back parking lot but feels that they still probably need to install a light.

Officer Lewis stated that he has received a request for cut outs on Shelby Street for off street parking. He reviewed the situation and feels that a few could fit there.

Mr. Hunter asked why they couldn't widen the street.

Officer Lewis stated that there are a lot of utilities in the area so he didn't know if that would be possible.

Mr. Hunter agreed to get together with Officer Lewis and report back to the board on this issue.

Item #4 – Spring Street Hill.

Mr. Hunter gave an update and explained that he is going to meet with Lanz & Toombs to go over his plans and get their input and report back to the board. He also stated that with the asphalt situation this will take months instead of weeks.

Mr. Johnson stated that they fashioned a barricade to block the traffic and it is working so far.

Item #5 – Linda Byerly, 2303 Reno Avenue, re: dumpster approval.

Ms. Byerly requested approval for an 8' wide dumpster to be placed in front of the property listed above from Friday, January 13th until Tuesday, January 17th.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. LaDuke second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Hunter spoke regarding Althea Avenue and explained that he would like to set aside a figure of \$2,500.00 for the project and contact the lady that has appeared before the board and let her know that it will probably be March before this project can be started. He added that he is under impression that the sewer board will be sharing 50% of the cost for the project and that \$2,500.00 should cover this board's portion.

Ms. Garry stated that would be okay.

Mr. Hunter moved that \$2,500.00 be set aside for the Althea Avenue project to be done in March, Mr. LaDuke second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Toran stated that he would let the sewer board know that this board has approved their half and would appreciate them approving their half.

Bob Lee, Southern Indiana Waste Management, stated that because of some downed trucks some routes were not picked up early in the week but by Friday all routes were picked up. He stated that the now everything is caught up and the regular trucks are picking up trash and the red trucks are picking up recycling. He added that he thinks transitional period is going well.

Mr. Toran stated that he felt they were doing a very good job and was impressed with what he witnessed firsthand by the routes being caught up by the end of the day on Friday of last week. He explained that the guys used to come in at 2:00 p.m. on Fridays and he understands that they now work until all routes are completed for the week.

Mr. Lee replied that is true; the guys don't come in until the job is done whether it is 1:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Toran asked if the recycling is caught up.

Mr. Lee replied yes. He added that he is very pleased with the employees and how they have taken up with the new company and looks very forward to working with them.

Mr. Hunter stated that the street commissioner has had some problems working in areas where there are some sidewalks that have been damaged due to tree roots and is worried about liability and wanted to know if the city is responsible for the sidewalk repairs.

Ms. Garry stated that we would use our in-house people to do the labor but the property owner would pay for the product. She added that some of the areas may fall under CDBG funding.

Mr. Toran stated that the property owner is responsibility for sidewalk repairs.

Mr. Toran asked Mr. Grimes about a bill he received for \$648.00.

Mr. Grimes stated that was for the engineering for the solar powered signal that was installed.

Mr. Toran asked whether that was the city's responsibility or the school system's.

Officer Lewis stated that he was having a meeting with them tomorrow so he would check into what portion they agreed to pay.

Mr. Toran asked Mr. Munford about a list that he has on his desk regarding the schedule for paving.

Mr. Munford explained the list to Mr. Toran.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Eaton stated that he would like to thank Mr. Hunter and the sewer department for the repairs on a catch basin that sits on the corner of his property.

Tom and Helen Spudich presented pictures of the accumulation of trash on a property that is adjacent to them. They explained to the board their concerns with the property and how it affects their neighborhood.

Mr. Toran stated that he would like to have a meeting with Ms. Badger, Chief Harl, Deputy Mason, Paul Roberts and the city attorney directly after this meeting to discuss this issue.

Maurice King stated that there are some of the same issues in his area that he has brought before the board that have not been resolved and he would like the same actions to be taken on his neighborhood's issues.

Mr. LaDuke stated that there is a list of dilapidated buildings in New Albany and he will check to see if these addresses are on the list. He also stated that they have directed Paul Roberts to move forward with these properties as far as he possibly can.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the lack of funds in the dilapidated building fund and the procedures to follow for condemning properties.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes were approved.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to go before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anthony B. Toran, President
Board of Public Works & Safety**

**Vicki Glotzbach, Deputy City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**